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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-212

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 1, 2004

Shelled Nuts, Announcement FV-212, Invitation 024

"This invitation is for a HUBZone small business set-aside, which also includes farmer-owned cooperatives. See FAR Subpart 19.1305, HUBZone set-aside procedures, and Public Law 106-387, Section 725, respectively."

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Shelled Nuts as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Friday, September 10, 2004.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 21, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from October 16, 2004 to January 15, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

English Walnut (Small) Pieces	24/1 lb.	24,840 cases
English Walnut (Small) Pieces	30 lb.	19,800 cases

- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2003 and/or later crop year.
- Please note: The first delivery period is 10/16/04. Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state



of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.

Vendors doing business with USDA are required to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system before being awarded contracts. If the Offeror is not registered in the CCR database within 48 hours after bid opening, offers will be deemed non-responsive.

Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Once a contract has been awarded, the Contractor shall not change the name or address for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the CCR record for the purpose of assignment of claims.

Offerors may obtain information on CCR registration and annual renewal requirements via the Internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-212, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Shelled Nuts dated October 1999, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20090-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-212, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV212
INVITATION : 024
COMM GROUP : 47 NUTS
COMM TYPE : 20 WALNUTS, ENGLISH, PIECES
PACK SIZE : 24 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/04 - 10/31/04					
001	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
	PLAINFIELD	VT	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
002	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
003	CORINTH	MS	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
	LAUREL	MS	TRUCK ONLY	828	_____
004	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	3,312	_____
005	SALISBURY	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
006	COLUMBIA	SC	TRUCK ONLY	120	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		1,536	_____
007	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	1,180	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		476	_____
008	INDEPENDENCE	MO		1,656	_____
009	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	414	_____
	SAN DIEGO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,242	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
010	ELMIRA	MI		1,104	_____
	HARTFORD	MI		552	_____
011	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
012	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/04 - 12/15/04

013	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/05 - 01/15/05

014	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	1,656	_____
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015	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		1,320	_____
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016	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____

017	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	250	_____
	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	820	_____
	JONESBORO	GA	TRUCK ONLY	250	_____

018	FORT WORTH	TX		1,320	_____
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019	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	330	_____
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	990	_____

020	KENT	WA		1,320	_____
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021	KENT	WA		660	_____
	SPOKANE	WA		660	_____

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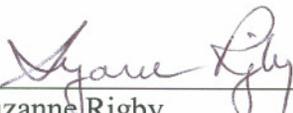
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DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/04 - 11/15/04					
022	WINTER HAVEN	FL		1,320	_____
023	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
024	COLUMBIA	SC		1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/04 - 11/30/04					
025	MIAMI PLANTATIO	FL		1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/04 - 12/15/04					
026	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	2,640	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/05 - 01/15/05					
027	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	660	_____
028	AMERICUS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	700	_____
	DOUGLAS	GA	TRUCK ONLY	620	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				44,640	

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